

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
14 MAY 2008
Open Session
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

John Audett, MD

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Thomas Breslin, MD

Norm Chapman

Charles Cronin, DO

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

Margaret Coughlin

Noubar Kessimian MD

Staff Members in Attendance:

Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer

Bruce W. McIntyre, Board General Counsel

Linda Julian, Board Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Jeannine Jeha, Medical Intern

Guests:

James Carney, PA-C, Board of Physician Assistants

James Cahill, PA-C, Board of Physician Assistants

1. A quorum was established at 8:35 AM.

2. On a motion by Mr. Chapman seconded by Mr. Barry it was voted to approve the minutes of the 8 May 2008 Licensing Committee meeting.

3. On a motion by Mr. DiPietro seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 9 April 2008 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

A. Mr. McIntyre reviewed with the Board the Proposed Regulation Changes for Endorsement Licensure. All 5 New England States are on Board with or in the process of endorsing these regulations. There are also 7 Western states interested in adopting the Regulations. The Proposed Regulations will go to Public Hearing at approximately the end of the summer. On a motion by Mr. Chapman

seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to endorse the Proposed Regulations. All were in favor.

B. Proposed Policy Statement regarding RIGL 23-3-16 (Death Certificate Registration). On a motion by Mr. Barry seconded by Dr. Audett it was voted to approve the following Policy Statement, which will be posted on the BMLD website and disseminated to all trainees:

A cross-covering Attending Physician assumes applicable responsibility of the Attending Physician enumerated under Section 2-C and “...shall immediately furnish for registration a completed standard certificate of death to a funeral director...” When appropriately required, allowance will be made for a reasonable opportunity for a patient record review.

All were in favor. The motion passed.

C. The FCVS Processing Time Quarterly Report was reviewed. It still takes more than 12 weeks to receive the FCVS for a license application. Although the time frame is better it is still not up to preferred standards. The FCVS knows this is an issue and is aware of the pressure to simplify the process or otherwise lose the RI requirement.

D. The recently approved Corporation Request was reviewed.

5. Old Business:

None presented at this time.

6. New Business:

A. Hospital reporting of adverse actions against physicians, Statute 5-37-9, was reviewed. Hospitals do not have to report adverse actions against physicians to the BMLD unless the action places a limitation on the practice. Probation is not currently considered a limitation. It was suggested that a recommendation be made to the DOH to examine the Statute. It was suggested that having to report all actions to the BMLD would have an impact on the willingness to come forward.

B. Attorney McIntyre brought the Board up to speed on the Nursing Board Compact, which was recently endorsed by the RI Legislature. The Compact allows nurses licensed in other states to apply to RI, pay a fee, and be licensed. Issues discussed were disciplinary checks, the fee process, and equitability.

7. At 9:23 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.